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SUBJ: MESSAGE TO HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT
HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY.

2. QTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BRING YOU
UP TO DATE ON MY CONSULTATIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.
I MET YESTERDAY WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE AND TODAY
WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA. I CONTINUE MY DISCUSSIONS
WITH THE LATTER ON SEPT. 17 AND LEAVE IN THE AFTERNOON
FOR PRETORIA.

THROUGHOUT OUR UNDERTAKING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA,
I HAVE PROFITED GREATLY FROM YOUR ADVICE AND SUPPORT.
I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU MY THOUGHTS ON WHAT THE
CONDITIONS OF A SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA
COULD BE.

WITH REGARD TO NAMIBIA, I BELIEVE A PROCESS
TOWARD THAT COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE COULD BE BEGUN
ON THE CONDITION THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NAMIBIAN
PEOPLE, INCLUDING SWAPO, MEET AND BEGIN TO DEFINE THE
CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK OF AN INDEPENDENT STATE AND THE STEPS
LEADING UP TO INDEPENDENCE. NOW THAT A DATE HAS BEEN SUGGESTED
FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE, A CONFERENCE IS ESSENTIAL.

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CONCERNING RHODESIA, I HAVE MADE CLEAR TO

PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IN MY MEETING IN ZURICH THE INTEREST THE UNITED STATES HAS IN RAPID PROGRESS TO MAJORITY RULE. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN, HOWEVER, HOW HE WILL TRANSLATE OUR INFLUENCE INTO EFFECTIVE PRESSURE ON SMITH, WHO VISITED PRETORIA THIS WEEK AND MAY RETURN THIS WEEKEND.

KNOWING YOUR INTEREST IN A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, I AM SURE YOU AGREE WE MUST BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT WHAT CAN BE REASONABLY OBTAINED ON THE CONDITION THAT WE REACH THE GOALS WE SEEK IN AN ACCEPTABLE AND FINITE TIME.

AS I CONTINUE MY CONSULTATIONS IN PRETORIA AND ELSEWHERE, I WOULD WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE CONDITIONS FOR A SETTLEMENT TO ISSUES SO ESSENTIAL TO AFRICA'S FUTURE. I LOOK FORWARD TO STAYING IN CLOSE COMMUNICATIONS WITH YOU IN THE COMING DAYS.

WITH WARM REGARDS.

SINCERELY,

HENRY A. KISSINGER

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